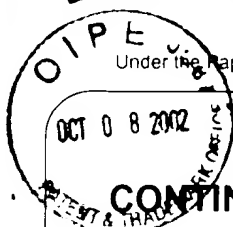


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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/615,999
Filing Date	July 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Wei Zhang et al.
Group Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	Talbot, Brian K.
Attorney Docket Number	05770-097001

### This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

#### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Fee The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 740 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims

Cancel claims 2, 3, 21, 22, 42 and 43.

Amend the claims as follows.

--1. (Twice Amended) A method of making a multi-layer article, comprising:  
depositing a first material on a surface of a third material to form a deposited  
layer of the first material, the first material being a buffer material, the deposited layer of  
the first material having a surface with a crystallinity and a morphology;  
chemically conditioning the surface of the deposited layer of the first material to  
form a conditioned surface having a crystallinity and a morphology, the crystallinity of  
the conditioned surface being substantially the same as the crystallinity of the surface of  
the deposited layer, and the morphology of the conditioned surface being different from  
the morphology of the deposited layer; and  
disposing a layer of a second material on the conditioned surface.

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